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ABSTRACT

In 1994 and 1995, most school-finance legislation at the state level dealt with state aid--36 out of 127 bills introduced in 1994 and 31 out of 212 bills introduced in 1995. This report presents 13 tables that summarize the content of state legislation and identify bills that addressed the formation of study committees, the use of lottery funds to fund education, regulation of capital outlay and of charter schools, and funding of school safety, special education, technology, transportation, professional development, and tax bases and taxation. (LMI)

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Table 1

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL FINANCE LEGISLATION:
1994 AND 1995 LEGISLATIVE SESSIONS

	1994 Session	1995 Session
1. State Aid	36	31
2. Study Committees	4	5
3. Lottery Funds	4	4
4. Capital Outlay	18	37
5. School Safety	4	12
6. Special Education	19	13
7. Technology	4	5
8. Transportation	5	8
9. Charter Schools	3	9
10. Professional Development	2	1
11. Tax Bases and Taxation	13	35
12. Other	15	86
Total[1]	127	212

[1] Note that the total number of bills for the 1995 Session is lower than the sum of individual categories due to cross-listing.

Table 2: Summary of 1995 School Finance Legislation

Table 2.1 State Aid

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Alabama	Provides for implementation of a foundation program for the annual funding of the public schools of the State to the extent necessary to provide educational opportunities according to the Alabama Constitution for all students in every local school district. **H 468**
Arizona	Identifies by official reference title as "technical corrections" to school finance law but including references to limits on warrants for federal and state grant funds, revision limits on warrants for federal and state grant funds, revision in language governing admission of nonresident students, new section on year-round school, and new section outlining formula for computing base level spending. **S 1095**
Arkansas	Requires the Education Department to develop "statistical" procedures that will ensure timely computations to help equalize funding for public school. **H 2145**
	Provides that a school district receiving isolated district funding and that experiences sudden growth will continue to receive isolated aid based on the previous three-year average of isolated add-on weights. **S 502**
	Allows funds and appropriations to be used by the Education Department to address disparities in allocations made to school districts as a result of administering a portion of the 1984 School Finance Act. **S 643**
California	Requires the State Department of Education to provide additional information and financial assistance to schools in which 30% or more of the school enrollment consist of children who have applied and qualify for free and reduced-price meals. **S 59**
	Provides that a school district is entitled to adjust its ADA in the event of a decline in enrollment in the school district in excess of 8% of its total ADA resulting from the closure of a facility operated by the United States Armed Forces and would further provide that a school district that experiences a decline in the number of units of a ADA that is less than 8% but entitled to an adjustment. **S 793**

Table 2.1: State Aid (continued)

California (continued)	Specifies that, for any basic aid district that is entitled to reimbursement as specified and in which a court order directs pupils to transfer to that district as part of the court-ordered voluntary pupil transfer program, commencing with the 1995-96 fiscal year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction shall calculate an apportionment of State funds that provides 70% of the aid available to the district. **S 937**
Colorado	Allows a school district subject to a desegregation order additional reimbursement of a specified amount for pupil transportation, only for the entitlement period beginning on 7-1-93. Provides an alternative method for calculating at-risk pupils for the 1995-96 budget year and budget years thereafter. Changes the minimum dollar amount of a district's total program for the 1995-96 budget year. Makes further provisions regarding the 195-96 budget year. **H 1327** (Cross listed in Tables 2.8 and 2.12.)
Georgia	Relates to the Quality Basic Education Formula, so as to change provisions relating to educational funding; provides for a construction reserve trust fund; provides for a change in the program weights allotted to state authorized instructional programs. **H 129** (Cross listed in Table 2.4.)
Iowa	Establishes the state percent of growth for the school budget year beginning July 1, 995, for purposes of the state school foundation program and provides effective and applicability date provisions. **S 17**
Idaho	Relates to substance abuse programs in the public school system; specifies the use of funds generated from the imposition of the wholesale tax on cigarettes; specifies the use of funds generated from the imposition of the tax on tobacco products; appropriates moneys for public schools; expresses Legislative intent with regard to the use of the funds and the basis for distribution. **H 142** (Cross listed in Tables 2.11 and 2.12.)
	Governs average daily attendance calculations when a school remains open but attendance is significantly reduced due to various natural disaster situations. **H 342**
	Relates to school funding; provides for use of the daily attendance reports submitted for the February 15 apportionment in determining support units used for computing staff allowance; clarifies that nondistrict employees under separate contract to a school district can be counted in computing staff allowances; makes a technical correction; declares an emergency; provides retroactive application. **S 1058**
Idaho	Relates to the Education Support Program, provides a minimum distribution amount for each school district. **S 1075**

Table 2.1: State Aid (continued)

Kansas	Concerns school district finance; increases base state aid per pupil; affects the definition of state prescribed percentage for the purposes of local option budgets; relates to the ad valorem tax levy authority of certain districts for operation of new school facilities. **H 2152** (Cross listed in Table 2.11.
Nebraska	Relates to state aid to schools; changes provisions relating to equalization aid for option students; harmonizes provisions; repeals original sections. **L 741**
	Relates to schools; changes provisions relating to state aid for reorganized districts; harmonizes provisions; and repeals the original sections. **L 840**
North Dakota	Relates to the distribution of payments to school districts. **S 2054**
	Relates to per student payments and the school district equalization factor. **S 2519**
New Mexico	Allows parents of a child with a disability certain educational options; appropriates $3,522,800 to several agencies. Amends sections of the Public School Finance Act. **S 856** (Cross listed in Table 2.6.)
New York	Provides for State aid to school districts and post-secondary institutions; makes provisions for early periodic screening diagnosis, care and treatment and school-supported health services; funds program for workforce education; makes various other provisions relating to school aid and expenditure of appropriations. **S 5337** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)
Oregon	Transfers and credits unclaimed income and corporate tax refund checks to Common School Fund. **S 717**
	Provides that additional taxes collected on appeal of large value not be used to reduce amount distributed to school district from State School Fund. Requires that additional taxes collected by placed in local government investment pool and interest used for capital projects. Allows, in case of emergency, principal of taxes to be used for capital projects. **S 1024** (Cross listed in Tables 2.4 and 2.11.)

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Table 2.1: State Aid (continued)

Pennsylvania	Provides for compensation of special boards of control, exceptional children tuition grants, safe schools, agricultural education, community college reimbursement, small district assistance, basic education funding, aid to districts suffering revenue loss from taxable property valuation education, nonpublic school transportation, special education payments to schools extraordinary special education expenses, distance learning grants and weapons possession. **H 20** (Cross listed in Tables 2.5, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.11.)
South Dakota	Revises state aid to education. **H 1351**
Tennessee	Requires allocation of state funds for local education agency to be calculated on basis of current year average daily membership, full-time equivalent average daily membership, and identified and special education students minus 2% if enrollment growth was above 2% for the year. **H 1141** (Cross listed in Table 2.6.)
	Requests Joint Oversight Committee on Education to study desirability of changing funding of local education under TCA 499-03-0315 to average daily attendance (students enrolled) instead of the present average daily attendance (students who answer roll call); Education Improvement Act of 1992 used ADM to distribute state portion of funds. **HJR 281**
Utah	Provides for state and local funding of the minimum school program act; provides a ceiling for the state contribution to the maintenance and operation portion of the act; establishes the value of the weighted pupil unit; establishes distribution formulas. **S 215**
Washington	Extends the provisions for distribution of local effort assistance funds for an additional two years through 1996. **S 5529**
	Requires the superintendent of public instruction to develop recommendations for a new allocation formula not later than the 1997-98 school year, based upon the initial implementation of the assessment system for reading, writing, communication, and mathematics. **S 6010**

Table 2.2: Study Committees

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Maine	(LD 57) Extends the reporting date of the Committee to Study Organizational and Tax Issues in Public Schools from 1/15/95 to 2/13/95. **H 59**
Maryland	Establishes a Task Force on Education Funding to explore the possibility of giving the Prince George's County Board of Education the authority to impose taxes to support the public schools in the county; specifies the membership, duties and staffing of the Task Force; and requires the Task Force to issue a report on its findings and hold at least one public hearing in each school board district. **S 520**
New Jersey	Creates the "Task Force on Special Education" and makes an appropriation. **A 2150** (Cross listed in Table 2.6.)
Oklahoma	Creates an 18-member Charter Schools Task Force to conduct a study and make recommendations on the creation of charter schools and use of private management in the public schools. **H 1073** (Cross listed in Table 2.9.)
Washington	Declares and intent to Redirect resources to the classrooms through the reduction of state-level and school district central office administration. Directs the joint select committee on education restructuring to review the current roles and responsibilities of specified state education boards and officials. Requires the identification of school district that have excessively low classroom expenditures. Establishes a school regulatory review task force to identify state rules not conducive to learning. **H 1027** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)

Table 2.3: Lottery Funds

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Georgia	Relates to general provisions applicable to the "Georgia Lottery for Education Act," so as to change the provisions relating to the fidelity fund for retailers; authorizes the Georgia Lottery Corporation to establish a fidelity fund; provides for the use of monies in such fund; repeals certain provisions relating to the assessment of retailers when the balance in the fund falls below a certain amount. **S 400**
Nebraska	Relates to schools; provides lottery funds to implement access to telecomputing resources; and repeals the original section. **L 860** (Cross listed in Table 2.7.)
Oregon	Allows the use of lottery funds for financing education as well as for creating jobs and furthering economic development; defines "creating jobs," "education" and "furthering economic development"; establishes Education Endowment Fund and requires transfer of lottery money to the fund; appropriates earning to State Scholarship Commission and requires the Board of Higher Education and Board of Education to manage moneys. **H 2491** Sets procedures for statewide special election on house Joint Resolution 15 (1995). Appropriates moneys from General Fund to Secretary of State for expenses of submitting measure to people at special election. Question asks if state lottery money should be used to finance education in addition to creating jobs and furthering economic development. **H 2634**

Table 2.4: Capital Outlay

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Alabama	Authorizes Alabama Public School and College Authority to sell and issue $150 million aggregate principal amount of additional bonds for capital improvements for public educational purposes including purchasing, constructing, improving, renovating and equipping public school buildings; provides funds to the Alabama Public School and College Authority to be allocated for needs as determined by the Governor's Task Force on Critical Needs in concert with superintendents of the local boards of education. **H 597**
Arkansas	Increases form $75,000 to $100,000 the construction cost limits under which public school buildings qualify for exemptions from requirement of supervision by registered professional under Architects Law and Public Works Law. **H 1760**
Arizona	Relates to school facilities inventory and needs assessment. **H 2081**
California	Authorizes a school district to enter into a joint venture relationship for the purposes of school facilities construction; authorizes a school district to apply to the State Allocation Board for funding for the school facilities portion of the cost of constructing a joint venture project; requires the board to establish the cost of construction for the school facilities portion of the joint venture project. **A 481**
	Provides that it is the intent of the Legislature that the rate of taxes levied annually upon the property in a school facilities improvement district not be greater than the rate of the annual special tax levied upon parcels in the same school district that are part of a community facilities district formed pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982; makes related provisions. **A 1569** (Cross listed in Table 2.11.)
	Eliminates the requirement under the Leroy Greene Lease-Purchase Law that a school district governing board evaluate the architectural designed proposals for space-saver schools and the requirement that the governing board submit to the State Allocation Board the 3 proposals determined to most effectively accomplish the purposes of the space-saver school provisions. **S 92**

California (continued)	Provides that the State Allocation Board shall allocate funding for the expenses of air-conditioning materials and equipment for schools operating in the current fiscal year or planning to operate in the second subsequent fiscal year or planning to operate in the second subsequent fiscal year. Requires a school district to repay these allocated funds with interest for the expenses of air-conditioning materials or installation if the school district did not begin operating year round in the second subsequent fiscal year. **S 514**
	Repeals State School Building Aid Bond Laws of 1952, 1954, 1957, 1958, 1968, 1962 and 1966. Repeals and enacts specified provisions of State School Building Aid Bond Law of 1949. Removes from Education Code the State School Building Aid Bond Law of 1964, the State School Building Aid and Earthquake Reconstruction and Replacement Bond Laws of 1974 and 1974, the State School Building Lease-Purchase Bond Law of 1982 and 1984, more. Re-enacts provisions as general statutory law. **S 764**
Colorado	Concerns a request to the Supreme Court of the State to render its opinion upon a question regarding school district debts and bonded indebtedness. **SR 6**
Connecticut	Concerns special education due process, the cost of special education, and a school construction project. **H 5548** (Cross listed in Table 2.6.)
	Authorizes grant commitment for the 1995 school building project priority list; grants exceptions to certain statutory and regulatory requirements for some existing projects. **H 6570**
Delaware	Permits the sale of timber by school districts. Enables the funds to be utilized to retire bonds issued or meet the school district's local share of school construction. Intended to clear up the confusion of whether the trees upon property are "real estate" or "personality." **S 199**
Florida	Authorizes school boards to levy a school capital outlay sales surtax of up to 0.5 percent with referendum approval; provides requirements for such levy and for use of the proceeds; requires any school board imposing the surtax to freeze noncapital local school property taxes for a specified period. **S 562z**
	Creates the Ancillary Facilities Construction Trust Fund within the Department of Education; Provides for source of moneys and purposes; Provides for future review and termination or recreation of the Fund. **S 1234z**

Table 2.4: Capital Outlay (continued)

Georgia	Relates to the Quality Basic Education Formula, so as to change provisions relating to educational funding; provides for a construction reserve trust fund; provides for a change in the program weights allotted to state authorized instructional programs. **H 129** (Cross listed in Table 2.1.)
Hawaii	Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds for the State educational facilities improvement special fund. **H 5 a**
Illinois	Amends the School Code. Authorizes a unit school district to issue bonds in an aggregate amount not exceeding 25% of the equalized assessed valuation of the district if the bonds are issued to construct a new school building to replace an existing school building that is more than 60% of the cost of repairing the existing school building, and the sale of the bonds occurs before 07/01/97. Provides that bonds so issued are not considered indebtedness for purposes of any statutory. **S 1115**
Indiana	Authorizes a school corporation to pay for energy saving contracts from its capital projects fund. **S 214**
Missouri	Establishes the school district bond fund; provides for the annual request submitted by the health and educational facilities authority to fund the payment of certain school district costs. **S 301**
Mississippi	Revises the minimum growth in pupil enrollment in any school district which would authorize the assessment limitation o school bonded indebtedness to be exceeded; revises debt limitation in certain school districts; clarifies that school district lease/lease-purchase contracts general obligations of the school district. **S 2583**
Montana	Defines "Qualified Energy Projects" for school districts; allows a school district 10 years for repayment of any debt service obligation for the financing of a qualified energy project. **H 44**
Montana	Appropriates $1.5 million for the school fiscal year ending June 30, 1996, and $2 million for the school fiscal year ending June 30, 1997, to pay state advances and reimbursements for school facilities; limits the eligibility for a state reimbursement for school facilities to a district having outstanding bonded indebtedness on bonds sold after July 1, 1991; provides a state advance for school facilities in the first school fiscal year in which a debt service payment is due. **H 416**
	Revises the laws relating to the issuance and repayment of bonds by local governments and school districts. **H 420**

Montana (continued)	Clarifies the requirement that activities, services, or facilities that are required of local governments or school districts by the state must contain a method to fully fund the activities, services or facilities. **S 135** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)
	Revises certain school finance laws; changes the status of school district general bonus payments in determining general fund balance operating reserve funds; allows rural school districts to negotiate for voluntary impact payments to the district building fund to cover development in the district. **S 423** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)
North Dakota	Relating to school construction loans. **H 1216**
Nevada	Revises the provisions relating to the imposition of certain taxes for capital projects and the financing of construction of schools. **A 72**
Oklahoma	Requires a notarized statement of non-collusion on invoices of $2,000 or more submitted to school districts for payment to an architect, contractor, engineer or supplier of material; provides an exemption for invoices paid from school activity funds. **H 1214** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)
	Authorizes school districts to make capital expenditures from the general fund if the total assessed valuation per average daily membership is less than one-half of the state average total assessed property valuation per average daily membership and if, for each year in which general fund revenue is used for capital expenditures, the district has voted the 5-mill building fund levy and has voted indebtedness through the issuance of new bonds for at least 85 percent of the maximum allowable. **S 53**
Oregon	Provides that additional taxes collected on appeal of large value not to be used to reduce amount distributed to school district from State School Fund. Requires that additional taxes collected be placed in local government investment pool and interest used for capital projects. Allows, in case of emergency, principal of taxes to be used for capital projects. **S 1024** (Cross listed in Tables 2.1 and 2.11.)
South Carolina	Makes principal amount of lease purchase/finance agreement subject to debt limit for political subdivisions; provides that payment made by State are deemed general obligation debt service; requires inclusion of principal balance of any outstanding financing agreement; requires reissued school bonds called before maturity to be limited to less than 8% increase over the original debt in a year, as long as the amount does not exceed the district's debt limit. **S 48**

Table 2.4: Capital Outlay (continued)

Virginia	Relates to school board property. Authorizes school boards to sell surplus real property and to retain the proceeds of such sales in capital improvement funds to be used for new school construction, school renovation, and major school maintenance projects. **H 1710**
	Relates to Virginia Public School Authority; increases the total principal amount of the bonds which may be issued under VPSA's moral obligation resolution from $500 million to $800 million. **H 2173**
	Establishes the Virginia Public School Construction Grants Program for construction, addition, or site acquisition for public school buildings or facilities. **H 2240**
	Relates to local governments acquisition of land for educational purposes and borrowing by school boards from the Virginia Retirement System. **S 686** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)
	Increases the amount of moral obligation debt that may be issued by the Virginia Public School Authority from $500 million to $800 million. Bonds prior to July 1, 1991, are not subject to the cap. **S 902**
Wyoming	Relates to school capital construction bonds; increases the authorized limit on revenue bonds issued by the state for school capital construction purposes; authorizes common school account revenue to be pledged and provides for an effective date. **S 163**

Table 2.5: School Safety

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
California	Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction award 3 extended schooldays violence prevention grant to local education agencies, as defined, serving pupils in grades 6 to 9, inclusive; provides grant requirements; makes related provisions. **A 442**
	Extended the Conflict Resolution and School Violence Reduction Program until Jan. 1, 2000. Requires county offices of education to notify the superintendent of their intent to participate in the grant program no later than Feb. 1 of each year through the 1998-99 school year and to develop requests for proposals no later than specified date. **S 1043**
Delaware	Clarifies those people required to undergo criminal background checks for school district employment; streamlines and clarifies the procedures for conducting and transferring criminal background checks; allows school districts to use funds other than State funds to pay for criminal background checks. **S 77**
	Expands the coverage of the Comprehensive School Discipline Act for the school and district level component from grades 6 through 12 to grades 3 through 12, extending coverage to approximately 53 additional schools; provides eligibility for supplemental grants conditional on the establishment of site-based decision-making committees for discipline and attendance according to prescribed requirements. **H 281**
	Advances the State's effort to improve school discipline by codifying the prevention component of the State's Comprehensive School Discipline Improvement Program established by a certain House bill of the General Assembly; establishes a Program Oversight Committee to review the implementation of the Program and to make recommendations to improve the cost-effectiveness and positive impact of the Program. **S 77**
Illinois	Amends the School Code; provides that any funds received by the State or any local educational agency pursuant to the Federal Safe and Drug-Free Schools and Communities Act of 1994 shall first be applied to meeting and implementing the requirements relating to violence prevention and conflict resolution education in grades 4 through 12. **S 710**
Nebraska	Relates to the Student Discipline Act; changes provisions for alternative educational placement; eliminates reimbursement provisions; changes provisions relating to expulsion and grounds for discipline; requires a policy relating to firearm violations. **L 658**

Table 2.5: School Safety (continued)

New York	Provides for a program of grants to school districts to reduce and prevent racial and cultural conflict; appropriates funds. **S 4181**
Ohio	Requires school districts to expel for one year students who bring firearms to school, and to permit school districts to temporarily deny admittance to students who have been expelled for any reason from other school districts until the expulsion period expire. **H 64**
Pennsylvania	Provides for compensation of special boards of control, exceptional children tuition grants, safe schools, agricultural education, community college reimbursement, small district assistance, basic education funding, aid to districts suffering revenue loss from taxable property valuation education, nonpublic school transportation, special education payments to schools extraordinary special education expenses, distance learning grants and weapons possession. **H 20** (Cross listed in Tables 2.1, 2.6, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.11.)
Texas	Relates to a substance revision of Titles 1 and 2, Education Code. Concerns state and local agencies; certification and benefits for personnel at all levels; charter schools; curriculum; attendance; records; textbooks; adults, special and alternative education; missing children; student health; testing; immunizations; tax sources; proprietary schools; college financial aid; and weapon on campus. **S 1** (Cross listed in Tables 2.6, 2.9, 2.11, and 2.12.)
Utah	Relates to public education; changes the percentage amounts schools are required to provide to receive funds for a gang prevention and intervention program; provides an effective date. **H 75**

Table 2.6: Special Education

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Connecticut	Concerns special education due process, the cost of special education, and a school construction project. **H 5548** (Cross listed in Table 2.4.)
Florida	Provides that school districts may receive federal Medicaid funds for specified services which are furnished to children with handicapping conditions and to other children as allowed under state Medicaid law; provides for establishment of a reimbursement program and specifies conditions for receipt of funds; provides duties of the Agency for Health Care Administration, the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, and the Department of Education. **H 1373 z**
Maine	(LD 881) Permits a school administrative unit to receive Medicaid funds to provide health and human services to students without reduction in general purposes aid by the State provided that the school administrative unit expends at least 70% of the savings for students; provides for a General Fund appropriation to the Department of Education to provide technical assistance to school administrative units seeking Medicaid reimbursement. **H 658**
Mississippi	Provides appropriate special program for deaf, aphasic, and emotionally disturbed children. **H 768**
Montana	Revises certain laws relating to the Montana school for the deaf and blind; revises admission eligibility; authorizes negotiations with out-of-State educational institutions for admission of out-of-state students; clarifies provisions relating to the suspension and expulsion of students statutorily appropriating fees paid by out-of-State students. **H 415**
Nebraska	Relates to special education; changes reimbursement for special education programs; repeals the original sections. **L 742**
New Jersey	Creates the "Task Force on Special Education" and makes an appropriation. **A 2150** (Cross listed in Table 2.3.)
New Mexico	Allows parents of a child with a disability certain educational options; appropriates $3,522,800 to several agencies. Amends sections of the Public School Finance Act. **S 856** (Cross listed in Table 2.1.)
North Dakota	Relates to per student payments for special education. Relates to school district liability for special needs students. **S 2063**

Pennsylvania	Provides for compensation of special boards of control, exceptional children tuition grants, safe schools, agricultural education, community college reimbursement, small district assistance, basic education funding, aid to districts suffering revenue loss from taxable property valuation education, nonpublic school transportation, special education payments to schools extraordinary special education expenses, distance learning grants and weapons possession. **H 20** (Cross listed in Tables 2.1, 2.5, 2.7, 2.8 and 2.11.)
South Dakota	Revises state aid to special education. **H 1354**
Tennessee	Requires allocation of state funds for local education agency to be calculated on basis of current year average daily membership, full-time equivalent average daily membership, and identified and special education students minus 2% if enrollment growth was above 2% for the year. **H 1141** (Cross listed in Table 2.1.)
Texas	Relates to a substance revision of Titles 1 and 2, Education Code. Concerns state and local agencies; certification and benefits for personnel at all levels; charter schools; curriculum; attendance; records; textbooks; adults, special and alternative education; missing children; student health; testing; immunizations; tax sources; proprietary schools; college financial aid; and weapon on campus. **S 1** (Cross listed in Tables 2.5, 2.9, 2.11, and 2.12.)

Table 2.7: Technology

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Arkansas	Increases the authorized loan from the Teacher Retirement System to the Education Department for the Statewide Computer Network from $20 to $25 million; would require repayment to begin 7/1/97. **S 474**
California	Changes the Morgan-Farr-Quachenbush Educational Technology Act of 1992 to specify that the Act has, as one of its purposes, providing access to education technology to every learner, including a learner with exceptional needs. Repeals the specific provisions pertaining to research and development project grants, educational technology dissemination project grants, and instructional video services grants. **A 1302**
Nebraska	Relates to schools; provides lottery funds to implement access to telecomputing resources; and repeals the original section. **L 860** (Cross listed in Table 2.3.)
Nevada	relates to public education; creates the trust fund for educational technology; requires the department of education to create a program allowing individual schools to apply for grants of money from the trust fund; and provides other matters properly relating thereto. **S 226**
Pennsylvania	Provides for compensation of special boards of control, exceptional children tuition grants, safe schools, agricultural education, community college reimbursement, small district assistance, basic education funding, aid to districts suffering revenue loss from taxable property valuation education, nonpublic school transportation, special education payments to schools extraordinary special education expenses, distance learning grants and weapons possession. **H 20** (Cross listed in Tables 2.1, 2.5, 2.6, 2.8 and 2.11.)

Table 2.8: Transportation

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
California	Requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction, for any fiscal year that the amount of funding allocated in the annual Budget Act for home-to-school transportation exceed the amount appropriated for that purpose in the prior fiscal year, to allocate to each eligible school district, an amount computed pursuant to a specified formula for the reimbursement of home-to-school transportation costs. Reappropriates a certain sum for allocation for such reimbursement. **S 120**
	Entitles each county unified school district that is governed by the county board of education that meets 3 specific requirements for home-to-school transportation, to additional appropriations of $350,000 for the 1993-94 and 1994-95 fiscal years, and each fiscal year thereafter. Also requires each educational entity that re receives the additional appropriations to report by September 1 of each year to the Legislature and the Legislative Analyst. **S 803**
Colorado	Allows a school district subject to a desegregation order additional reimbursement of a specified amount for pupil transportation, only for the entitlement period beginning on 7-1-93. Provides an alternative method for calculating at-risk pupils for the 1995-96 budget year and budget years thereafter. Changes the minimum dollar amount of a district's total program for the 1995-96 budget year. Makes further provisions regarding the 195-96 budget year. **H 1327** (Cross listed in Table 2.1 and 2.12.)
Florida	Revises the funding formula for allocations to school districts for student transportation. **S 1972 z**
New Jersey	Requires school districts to designate as separate budget line item costs of providing transportation over hazardous routes to certain pupils and restrict authority of commissioner to cut this line item. **A 1194**
	Permits Board of Education to provide transportation for children who do not live remote from school and to charge the parent for the transportation; excludes from budget cap costs of providing "courtesy" busing. **A 1203**
New York	Allows district and a contractor providing pupil transportation services to amend a contract for pupil transportation services upon finding that such amendment shall contribute to enhanced safety, efficiency or economical operations. **S 1247**

Table 2.8: Transportation (continued)

Pennsylvania	Provides for compensation of special boards of control, exceptional children tuition grants, safe schools, agricultural education, community college reimbursement, small district assistance, basic education funding, aid to districts suffering revenue loss from taxable property valuation education, nonpublic school transportation, special education payments to schools extraordinary special education expenses, distance learning grants and weapons possession. **H 20** (Cross listed in Tables 2.1, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7 and 2.11.)

Table 2.9: Charter Schools

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Alaska	Establishes a pilot program for charter schools; provides for an effective date. **S 88**
Arizona	Provides that charter schools may include alternative schools, universities, community colleges; provides that school superintendents may sponsor charter schools. **S 1361**
Delaware	Provides authority for the State Board of Education and local school boards to create "charter schools" which will operate as independent public schools, free from most of the ordinary regulations and restrictions contained in the Delaware Code; increases choices for parents of public school students (particularly for parents who cannot afford private school options; enables innovative educational initiatives to flourish). **S 200**
Georgia	Relates to grants for educational programs and charter schools, so as to substantially change provisions relating to charter schools; changes the period of time for which performance based school contract charters shall remain in effect; provides requirements for operation of charter schools; changes the period of time for which charter may be renewed. **S 54**
New Hampshire	Relates to charter schools and open enrollment. **S 9**
Oklahoma	Creates an 18-member Charter Schools Task Force to conduct a study and make recommendations on the creation of charter schools and use of private management in the public schools. **H 1073** (Cross listed in Table 2.2.)
Rhode Island	Permits the establishment of charter schools, alternative institutions for learning, independent of local school committees and operated by a governing body; provides that a charter procedure has been established in the act and certain rules and regulations are set forth for the operation of such schools. **H 6373**
Texas	Relates to a substance revision of Titles 1 and 2, Education Code. Concerns state and local agencies; certification and benefits for personnel at all levels; charter schools; curriculum; attendance; records; textbooks; adults, special and alternative education; missing children; student health; testing; immunizations; tax sources; proprietary schools; college financial aid; and weapon on campus. **S 1** (Cross listed in Tables 2.5, 2.6, 2.11, and 2.12.)

Wyoming	Relates to school districts; authorizes the creation of charter schools within districts; authorizes such schools to operate independent of regulatory requirements and laws governing public schools as specified; specifies procedure and imposes conditions and limitations; prescribes charter criteria; requires local board approval and provides for appeal; grants charter school authority over teachers; requires annual reporting to the state board by local districts. **S 70**

Table 2.10: Professional Development

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Maine	(LD 1482) Directs the Department of Education to facilitate, statewide, the development of an integrated and coordinated staff development program for all school personnel; specifies that the plan is intended to maximize the use of staff workshop days; provides that the plan be financed through existing funds; provides continuing education unit requirements for participants. **H 1053**

Table 2.11: Tax Bases and Taxation

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Alabama	Increases the rate at which there is levied and collected by the said city, on all taxable property situated within the said city, the special ad valorem tax for the support and furtherance of education which is authorized in Amendment No. 8 to the Constitution, to a maximum rate, for any tax year of the said city, which is equal to funds on each $100 of assessed value. **H 737**
Arkansas	Levies an individual income tax surcharge for the equalization of public school funding; and for other purposes. **H 1739**
Arizona	Schools with career ladder programs can budget to a certain extent outside the revenue control limit. **S 1035**
California	Provides that the amount of the increase to the revenue limits of school district and county superintendents of schools is not subject to the deficit factor that otherwise applies to the revenue limits of school districts ad county superintendents of schools. **A 825**
	Provides that it is the intent of the Legislature that the rate of taxes levied annually upon the property in a school facilities improvement district not be greater than the rate of the annual special tax levied upon parcels in the same school district that are part of a community facilities district formed pursuant to the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982; makes related provisions. **A 1569** (Cross listed in Table 2.4.)
Colorado	Concerns voter approval for the weakening of limitations statutorily imposed on school district revenue, spending, and debt for purposes of complying with the State Constitution. **H 1289**
	Concerns detachment and annexation of territory between existing school districts where the territory was erroneously included on the property tax rolls of the annexing school district. **H 1351**
Delaware	Allows school district to collect taxes on taxable real estate when the property has been exempted from county taxation for the purposes of attracting or expanding for-profit business. **H 10**

Florida	Relates to reducing the cost of government; requires a specified evaluation of education programs by the Auditor General; exempting the Knott Data Center and Projects, Contracts, and Grants Programs under the Department of Education from certain budget requirements; requires a separate vote by any school board to levy certain supplemental nonvoted discretionary millage authorized in the 1995-1996 General Appropriations Act. **H 2583 z** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)
Georgia	Provides a homestead exemption from Cherokee County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes for the full value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $16,000 and who are 62 years of age or over, so as to change the amount of such exemption; and for other purposes. **H 803**
	Regards Lumpkin County School District ad valorem taxes for educational purposes in the amount of $30,000 of the assessed value of the homestead for certain residents of that school district who have annual incomes not exceeding $20,000 and who are 62 years of age or over. **H 826**
Idaho	Relates to substance abuse programs in the public school system; specifies the use of funds generated from the imposition of the wholesale tax on cigarettes; specifies the use of funds generated from the imposition of the tax on tobacco products; appropriates moneys for public schools; expresses Legislative intent with regard to the use of the funds and the basis for distribution. **H 142** (Cross listed in Tables 2.1 and 2.12.)
	Relates to ad valorem tax policies; reduces maximum school maintenance and operation levies and deletes obsolete references; provides a formula for replacement of property tax funds to school districts, including specially chartered districts; provides for distribution of sales tax moneys for property tax reduction. **H 156**
	Relates to the cigarette tax and the tobacco products tax; provides legislative intent; provides that five cents of the tax collected per package of cigarettes shall be distributed to the public school income fund for substance abuse programs in the public schools and five cents of the tax shall be distributed to the counties to be utilized for county juvenile probation services. **H 183**

Illinois	Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Article of the Pension code; exempts school districts from the requirement of appropriating amount sufficient to provide for their contributions to the Fund; provides that a school district may levy a tax in an amount reasonably calculated at the time of the levy to provide for the pension contributions required for the fiscal years for which revenues from the levy will be received and all amounts due for pension contribution. **H 413** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)
Kansas	Concerns school district finance; increases base state aid per pupil; affects the definition of state prescribed percentage for the purposes of local option budgets; relates to the ad valorem tax levy authority of certain districts for operation of new school facilities. **H 2152** (Cross listed in Table 2.1.)
Michigan	Provides for a refund of diesel fuel taxes paid for school buses operated by non-profit, private, parochial or denominational schools, colleges and universities. **H 4454**
	Requires local budget hearing notices to include number of mills at issue. **H 4517**
	Relates to income tax and school aid; increases percentage earmarked for school aid fund. **H 4657**
	Provides that certain increases in the operating of a district above the 1993 tax rate for certain purposes. **S 255**
Montana	Allows a county high school district, whether or not the county high school district is unified with an elementary district, to authorize a levy of not more than 2 mills on the district. **H 49**
	Allows the trustees of a school district to requires voter approval for nonmandated levy amounts for the general fund budget rather than request voter approval for budget authority. **H 431**
Nevada	Relates to taxation. Requires the transfer of money by a school district to other local governments if the tax rate required to repay bonds of the school district would cause the total overlapping tax rates to exceed the statutory limit. **A 414**
New York	Permits for installment payment of school taxes in school district crossing county lines upon adoption by each county of a resolution authorizing such payments; resolutions must have identical language regarding collection of installment payments in the affected districts. **S 1311**

North Dakota	Relates to school district levies after annexation of dissolution, unobligated cash balance in a dissolution, and open enrollment exemptions. **S 2209**
Oregon	Provides that additional taxes collected on appeal of large value not be used to reduce amount distributed to school district from State School Fund. Requires that additional taxes collected by placed in local government investment pool and interest used for capital projects. Allows, in case of emergency, principal of taxes to be used for capital projects. **S 1024** (Cross listed in Tables 2.1 and 2.4.)
Pennsylvania	Provides for compensation of special boards of control, exceptional children tuition grants, safe schools, agricultural education, community college reimbursement, small district assistance, basic education funding, aid to districts suffering revenue loss from taxable property valuation education, nonpublic school transportation, special education payments to schools extraordinary special education expenses, distance learning grants and weapons possession. **H 20** (Cross listed in Tables 2.1, 2.5, 2.6, 2.7 and 2.8.)
South Dakota	Revises certain provisions concerning property tax relief. **H 1357**
Tennessee	Excludes from calculation used to reduce special school district taxes levied for bond interest and repayment, any portion of bond fund arising from sales tax or other sources than special school district tax. **H 1355**
Texas	Relates to a substance revision of Titles 1 and 2, Education Code. Concerns state and local agencies; certification and benefits for personnel at all levels; charter schools; curriculum; attendance; records; textbooks; adults, special and alternative education; missing children; student health; testing; immunizations; tax sources; proprietary schools; college financial aid; and weapon on campus. **S 1** (Cross listed in Tables 2.5, 2.6, 2.9, and 2.12.)
	Relates to the power of certain school districts to grant tax abatements. **H 2860**
Utah	Requires the legislature to impose a certified revenue levy for education subject to the notice requirements of truth in taxation; requires the legislature to impose a levy to fund the property tax valuation agency fund subject to the notice requirements of truth in taxation; requires the commission to take corrective action for noncompliance with mandatory cyclical appraisal provisions and expanding the definition or corrective action; defines the state as a taxing entity. **H 258**
	Prohibits school districts from imposing property tax rate for the basic program without voter approval. Imposes a gross receipt tax on electrical corporations. Requires the decrease of certain public utility rates. **S 254**

Utah (continued)	Provides a sales tax exemption on school fund raisers. **S 273** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)
Vermont	Enables the school board of a district that has not voted on a budget by the beginning of the fiscal year to borrow funds in the amount of 95% of the previous year's budget; repeals provisions of law allowing a school district to empower the school board to set taxes to raise 60% of the funds voted for the previous year if no budget is approved by the beginning of the fiscal year. **H 358** (Cross listed in Table 2.12.)

Table 2.12: Other School Finance Legislation

State	Summary of Legislation/Bill Number
Alabama	Provides for establishment of an accountability plan which shall be overseen by the State Board of Education; requires the use of the nationally normed test to assess student achievement; requires the development of a core curriculum to be offered at all grade levels; provides for development of an assistance program for individual students who are scoring one or more grade levels below the national norm; establishes a program of self-help and State intervention. **H 466**
	Authorizes and adopt a voluntary public-private non-profit partnership or trust agreement proposed by The Citizenship Trust; enhances and expand citizenship education of young people; provides for the purposes, member parties, organization, structure, incorporation, non-profit status, powers, tax exemption form state and local taxes. **H 679**
	Establishes the Science in Motion Program as a Statewide effort to augment the science curriculum; facilitates implementation of the Alabama Course of Study of Science; assigns responsibilities for implementation to the State Board of Education and to the State Superintendent of Education; makes an appropriation from the Alabama Special Educational Trust Fund for the fiscal years ending 9/30/95 and 1996 to continue 6 current pilot projects. **S 90**
Arkansas	Authorizes the State Department of Education to assist school districts in fiscal or academic distress. **H 1282**
	Provides that local school districts paying tuition to service providers approved by the Education Department may include 70% of the tuition toward meeting requirements for paying certified personnel in the paying district. **H 2065**
	Sets maximum amount a local school district may borrow from the Revolving Loan Fund at $500,000. **H 2102**
	Increases for $10,000,000 to $15,000,000 the maximum amount of revolving loan bonds or certificates of indebtedness from the State Board of Education that the State Treasurer may hold. **H 2104**
	Requires that the school district of a delinquent juvenile, who has been court-ordered into a detention facility, must remit tuition to the facility for providing educational services for days that the juvenile should have been in school. **S 470**

Table 2.12. Other School Finance Legislation (continued)

Arkansas	Requires fiscal impact statements on regulations or bills which impose new or additional costs for education on the state of local school districts. **S 492**
	Establishes the Intervention and Prevention Grant Program for Arkansas school children. **S 510**
	Authorizes educational service cooperatives to participate in the Revolving Loan Program of the State Board of Education. **S 596**
Arizona	Eliminates the tuition-based cap in cost-per-student counts. **H 2210**
California	Specifies that a note of indebtedness issues by a school district that had investments or deposits in the county investment fund of Orange County and was adversely impacted by the financial crisis in Orange county that led to the filing of the petition for declaration of bankruptcy of the county may be in any denomination; specifies that a note may be payable in a fiscal year succeeding the fiscal year in which it is issued, but no later than 15 months after the date of issue. **A 146**
	Provides that if a school districts' adult school operates the alternative education and work center and related alternative instructional programs on an adult schoolsite, the costs for the center and programs shall be shared on a proportional basis between the adult school and the school district. **A 813**
	Requires the State Department of Education, through its Healthy Kids Resources Center, to identify and distribute to public schools information about, programs or curriculum on self-reliance and safety designed to teach pupils the skills and to help pupils develop the self-esteem necessary to recognize and prevent any child endangerment; makes related provisions. **A 1802**
	Requires every audit report of school districts and county superintendent of schools to specifically and separately address each compliance requirement of the audit guide prepared by the Controller and to state whether or not the district or superintendent is in compliance. Also requires the audit report to state that either the audit procedures suggested in the guide for that requirement were followed or that other procedures were followed. **S 125**

Table 2.12 Other School Finance Legislation (continued)

California (continued)	Authorizes a school district that is in Orange County, that is unable to access funds of the school district deposited into the county treasury as a result of the financial crisis that led to the filing of a petition for the declaration of bankruptcy of Orange County, to deposit the proceeds derived from the sale of surplus property of the district into the General Fund of the district and to expand those proceeds for General Fund purposes. **S 12 b**
Colorado	Concerns the Excellent Schools Programs. Makes an appropriation. Changes the emphasis of the Excellent School Program by centering the program on schools rather than districts or district or school personnel. Establishes the maximum financial award at $50,000. Provides that the decision on how to spend the financial award be determined jointly by the school principal, teachers, support personnel, parent organization, and students. Delays repeal until 1999. **H 1046**
	Allows a school district subject to a desegregation order additional reimbursement of a specified amount for pupil transportation, only for the entitlement period beginning on 7-1-93. Provides an alternative method for calculating at-risk pupils for the 1995-96 budget year and budget years thereafter. Changes the minimum dollar amount of a district's total program for the 1995-96 budget year. Makes further provisions regarding the 195-96 budget year. **H 1327** (Cross listed in Table 2.1 and 2.8.)
	Concerns the establishment of the Teenage Parent Dropout Prevention Program. Makes an appropriation. **S 101**
Connecticut	Relates to education; concerns parental responsibility; implements parental responsibility provisions; relates to grants for head start programs. **S 892**
Delaware	Grants to parents of school age children the right to apply to enroll those children in any public school within the State of Delaware, and sets forth procedures and guidelines for the consideration and action upon which applications by school boards within the state; establishes procedures for the transfer of educational funding from one district to another when a student attends school in a district other than his or her District of Residence. **H 144**
	Request the Joint Finance Committee to fund the establishment of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Attention Deficit Disorder Parent focus Groups in each school district in the 1996 fiscal year, and directs the Department of Public Instruction to include teacher training in ADHD and ADD in its proposed 1997 Budget, and for the Department of Public Instruction to fund the implementation of accommodation plans for each school district as soon as they are adopted. **SJR 10**

Florida	Requires funds in the Florida School Improvement and Academic Achievement Trust Fund to provide challenge grants and matching endowment grants to district school boards. Specifies the manner of allocation and matching funds. Provides for district level administration by direct-support organizations. Specifies certain prohibited uses of funds. Provides an effective date contingent upon passage of legislation creating the trust fund. **H 379**
	Creates the Florida School Improvement and Academic Achievement Trust Fund to be administered by the Department of Education. **H 395z**
	Relates to district school boards; revises provisions relating to school board expenditures. **H 1211 z**
	Requires that an independent full-time auditor or certified public accountant hired by a school district report directly to the district school board of its designee. **H 1341 z**
	Relates to reducing the cost of government; requires a specified evaluation of education programs by the Auditor General; exempting the Knott Data Center and Projects, Contracts, and Grants Programs under the Department of Education from certain budget requirements; requires a separate vote by any school board to levy certain supplemental nonvoted discretionary millage authorized in the 1995-1996 General Appropriations Act. **H 2583 z** (Cross listed in Table 2.11.)
	Creates the Education-Contracts, Grants, and Donations Trust Fund within the Department of Education; provides for source of money and purposes; Provides for future review and termination or recreation of the fund. **H 2580 z** **S 1280 z**
Hawaii	Requires the Department of Education to maintain a minimum staffing level of one full-time equivalent teacher position per grade level per school, for kindergarten to sixth grade. Exempts school with fewer than 12 students in any one grade. **S 396**
Idaho	Relates to substance abuse programs in the public school system; specifies the use of funds generated from the imposition of the wholesale tax on cigarettes; specifies the use of funds generated from the imposition of the tax on tobacco products; appropriates moneys for public schools; expresses Legislative intent with regard to the use of the funds and the basis for distribution. **H 142** (Cross listed in Tables 2.1 and 2.11.)
	Relates to school funding; requires a report concerning expenditures of funds for alternative high school programs **H 172**

Idaho (continued)	Authorizes an appeal procedure to permit additional staff allowance when a staff allowance is insufficient to meet accreditation standard. **S 1076**
	Increases the factor by which a school district is reimbursed for costs of conducting a driver training program. **S 1078**
Illinois	Amends the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund Article of the Pension code; exempts school districts from the requirement of appropriating amount sufficient to provide for their contributions to the Fund; provides that a school district may levy a tax in an amount reasonably calculated at the time of the levy to provide for the pension contributions required for the fiscal years for which revenues from the levy will be received and all amounts due for pension contribution. **H 413** (Cross listed in Table 2.11.)
	Creates the Public Education Affinity Credit Card Act; Provides for donations from credit card use to be deposited in a trust fund by the State Treasurer, as ex-officio custodian of the fund, and from three distributed by the State Treasurer to school district accounts in the Illinois Public Treasures; Investment Pool. **H 473**
	Amends the School Code. Adds provisions authorizing combined school districts formed before July 1, 1993 to change, pursuant to referendum, from electing their school board members with restrictions based on area of residence to at large elections without restriction by are of residence. Also eliminates certain conditions that currently must be met before a community unit school district formed before January 1, 1975 may, by referendum, change to election by school board members. **H 689**
	Provides that after first using GED test fees for administering and scoring the examination as required under current law, the regional superintendent may next use those fees for education programs that assist those who successfully complete the high school level test of General Education Development in furthering their academic development or their ability to secure and retain gainful employment. **H 940**
	Amends the School code; allows school district to petition the State Board of Education or the waiver or modification of certain mandates required under the school code when the school district can address the intent of the mandate in a more effective, efficient, or economical manner. **S 22**
Indiana	Establishes the school guidance counselor grant program and fund to enhance the availability and quality of school guidance counseling programs in kindergarten through grade 6; establishes an advisory committee to assist the department of education in the administration of the school guidance counselor program. **S 323**

Table 2.12 Other School Finance Legislation (continued)

Iowa	Relates to shared superintendents for purposes of the supplementary weighting plan for public school districts and provides effective and retroactive applicability dates. **S 205**
Kansas	Concerns school districts; relates to the authority of boards of education to purchase certain items for pupil use and to assess and collect fees for such use. **S 191**
Louisiana	Relates to school finance; requires the State Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to report annually on expenditures and employment for public elementary and secondary education. **H 510**
	Relates to the powers, duties and responsibilities of the board of Elementary and Secondary Education; requires the development and adaptation by the board of an annual math, science, and speech and debate competition financial awards program; provides for certain program guidelines, criteria and procedures; provides limitations; provides for adoption by the board of program rules and regulations in accordance with specified procedures; provides for program implementation. **H 1899**
	Relates to financing public elementary and secondary schools; provides additional authority for the creation of a public trust having a city or parish school board as trust beneficiary; provides for the purposes of such trusts and for trust funding; provides for the applicability of certain statutes to such trusts; provides for exceptions. **H 1981**
	Provides certain exceptions for which elementary and secondary schools which sell raffle tickets as a means of raising funds. **S 350**
	Relates to laboratory school funding; provides for inclusion of elementary and secondary schools operated by public colleges and universities in the minimum foundation program; provides for allocation of funds attributable to such inclusion. **S 1200**
	Relates to city and parish school board budgets; requires each school board to submit its adopted budget to the State Superintendent of Education; removes the requirement for submission of a budget summary. **S 1383**
Maryland	Eliminates State reimbursement for driver education programs; repeals the Driver Education Account in the Transportation Trust Fund and the provisions of law governing collection and disposition of funds in the Driver Education Account. **H 1261**

Table 2.12: Other School Finance Legislation (continued)

Maine	(LD 350) Encourages local school units to enter into collaborative ventures to pursue the sharing of resources by making such collaborative ventures eligible for the Innovative Grants Program. **H 248**
	(LD 874) Requires that student tuition paid to a school in an unorganized territory be equivalent to the average state educational program cost per student. **H 651**
	(LD 556) States that education funds appropriated pursuant to the School Finance act of 1985 are not considered "public grants" for purpose of determining whether the State shall pay the employer's portion of a teacher's retirement costs; provides that adult education teachers be treated the same as other public school teachers for purposes of the employer's share of retirement costs; requires that all part-time adult education teachers participate in the Maine State Retirement System. **S 214**
	(LD 945) Allows a candidate to donate surplus campaign funds to a charitable or educational organization. **S 340**
	(LD 973) Provides for continuation of the Maine Committee for Global Education past its scheduled sunset on 6/30/95; authorizes the Committee to make grants to elementary and secondary schools for the purpose of improving student and teacher skills and knowledge for living and working in the global economy. **H 716**
Missouri	This bill provides that certain schools may purchase new or used books for all pupils in all grades and preschool programs and that a school board may, at its discretion, expend textbook fund monies to provide any other instructional materials and supplies for the pupils that it sees fit. **S 269**
Mississippi	Refers to Education Enhancement Funds; Utilizes debt service monies by agricultural high schools. **S 2949**
Montana	Clarifies the requirement that activities, services, or facilities that are required of local governments or school districts by the state must contain a method to fully fund the activities, services or facilities. **S 135** (Cross listed in Table 2.14.)
	Authorizes a school district to establish a nonbudgeted litigation reserve fund. **S 250**
	Revises certain school finance laws; changes the status of school district general bonus payments in determining general fund balance operating reserve funds; allows rural school districts to negotiate for voluntary impact payments to the district building fund to cover development in the district. **S 423** (Cross listed in Table 2.4.)

Table 2.12: Other School Finance Legislation (continued)

Nebraska	Relates to education; changes provisions relating to impact aid. **L 542**
Nevada	Act relating to education; requires the state board of education to adopt a program to provide pupils with the skills to make the transition from school to work; makes an appropriations; requires the state board of education to distribute money in the fund for the improvement of occupational education to the various school districts and community colleges; and provides other matters properly relating thereto. **A 303**
	Relates to motor vehicles; requires the Department of Motor Vehicles and Public Safety to design and issue license plates for the support of the education of children in the arts; imposes a fee for issuance of the plates; provides other matters. **A 452**
New Jersey	Establishes School Report Card Program in Department of Education; appropriates funds. **S367**
	Establishes the School Efficiency Program. **S 2079**
New York	Provides for State aid to school districts and post-secondary institutions; makes provisions for early periodic screening diagnosis, care and treatment and school-supported health services; funds program for workforce education; makes various other provisions relating to school aid and expenditure of appropriations. **S 5337** (Cross listed in Table 2.1.)
North Carolina	Relates to school flexibility and accountability. **H 6**
North Dakota	Relates to surface leasing of state school lands and the definition of land for recreational use purposes; and relates to surface leasing of state school lands and the sale of coal lands. **S 2127**
Ohio	Relates to cash flow borrowing by school districts, and declares an emergency. **H 136**
Oklahoma	Requires a notarized statement of non-collusion on invoices of $2,000 or more submitted to school districts for payment to an architect, contractor, engineer or supplier of material; provides an exemption for invoices paid from school activity funds. **H 1214** (Cross listed in Table 2.4.)

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Table 2.12: Other School Finance Legislation (continued)

Oklahoma (continued)	Provides that no school district shall be penalized for exceeding class size limitations if the excess of the class size limitations is a result of a reorganization or restructuring of classes necessary to accommodate a mentor teacher program. **H 1852**
Rhode Island	Provides that school budgets meet certain requirements; provides for an appeal process. **H 6510**
South Dakota	Allows a school district audit to be performed by a private auditing firm. **H 1212**
	Requires certain school districts sending students to out of state school districts to pay tuition. **S 194**
Tennessee	Prohibits policy manual or statute from being construed to prohibit fundraisers that benefit less than student body as a whole of principal or school board approves fundraiser and if it benefits school's overall academic program through acquisition of supplies, equipment, computers, books, and/or enrichment opportunities for one or more classrooms. **S 219**
Texas	Relates to a substance revision of Titles 1 and 2, Education Code. Concerns state and local agencies; certification and benefits for personnel at all levels; charter schools; curriculum; attendance; records; textbooks; adults, special and alternative education; missing children; student health; testing; immunizations; tax sources; proprietary schools; college financial aid; and weapon on campus. **S 1** (Cross listed in Tables 2.5, 2.6, 2.9, and 2.11.)
	Relating to alternative education programs in public schools. **H 658**
	Relates to the authority of the School Land Board to dedicate permanent school fund land for public uses in exchange for non-monetary consideration. **S 1282**
Utah	Provides a sales tax exemption on school fund raisers. **S 273** (Cross listed in Table 2.11.)
Virginia	Amends and reenacts the Virginia Reading to Learn Project; clarifies that the costs of the project shall be paid from such funds as may be appropriated for this purpose. **H 2021**
	Relates to local governments acquisition of land for educational purposes and borrowing by school boards from the Virginia Retirement System. **S 686** (Cross listed in Table 2.4)

Table 2.12: Other School Finance Legislation (continued)

Vermont	Enables the school board of a district that has not voted on a budget by the beginning of the fiscal year to borrow funds in the amount of 95% of the previous year's budget; repeals provisions of law allowing a school district to empower the school board to set taxes to raise 60% of the funds voted for the previous year if no budget is approved by the beginning of the fiscal year. **H 358** (Cross listed in Table 2.11.)
	Requires the Department of Education to determine when a school receiving students for whom the district of residence is paying tuition has charged a school district more than the actual costs attributable to that student and to require that the receiving district reimburse the sending district for the overcharge. **H 404**
Washington	Declares intent to redirect resources to the classrooms through the reduction of state-level and school district central office administration. Directs the joint select committee on education restructuring to review the current roles and responsibilities of specified state education boards and officials. Requires the identification of school district that have excessively low classroom expenditures. Establishes a school regulatory review task force to identify state rules not conducive to learning. **H 1027** (Cross listed in Table 2.2.)
	Directs the superintendent of public instruction to provide assistance to individuals and organizations for the establishment and development of nonprofit educational foundations created to provide financial support and services to assist public schools. **H 1156**
	Authorizes the board of education to grant waivers from the provisions of statutes relating to the length of the school year, student-to-teacher ratios, and the co-mingling of funds appropriated by the legislature on a categorical basis. **H 1224**
	Provides that if voters approve the ballot proposition, moneys may only be expended for the purposes and the schools described in the resolution; requires specificity in school board resolutions for ballot proposition authoring indebtedness. **H 1777**